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SUBJECT: OAS CONFERENCE ON RIO TREATY

1. LOCAL PRESS IS REPORTING THAT SUBJECT CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT HOTEL IRAZU, JULY 16-30, ALTHOUGH FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR HE IS TRYING ARRANGE THAT ALL CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES TAKE PLACE AT THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY BUILDING WHICH IS LOCATED WITHIN WALKING DISTANCEOF EMBASSY (APPROXIMATELY 8 BLOCKS). HOTEL IRAZU IS LOCATED MIDWAY BETWEEN AIRPORT AND CENTER OR CITY. DISTANCES ARE 9.8 MILES FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL AND 3.2 MILES FROM HOTEL TO EMBASSY, WHICH IS LOCATED IN CENTER OF SAN JOSE. HOTEL HAS REASONABLY LARGE CONVENTION CENTER, 24 HOUR RESTAURANT SERVICE, SWIMMING POOL, ETC.

2. MISSION HAS TAKEN FOLLOWING ACTION CONCERNING SUPPORT ARRANGEMENTS PENDING INSTRUCTIONS AND ASSUMING MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE AT HOTEL IRAZU:

A. RESERVED ONE FOUR ROOM SUITE ON TOP FLOOR OF SECTION A OF HOTEL FOR DELEGATION OFFICE USE. SUITE IS LOCATED AT END OF HALL.

B. RESERVED ANOTHER FOUR ROOM SUITE ACROSS FROM OFFICE SUITE. THIS CAN BE EASILY BE CONVERTED INTO TWO SEPARATE SLEEPING AREAS OF TWO ROOM SUITES EACH FOR SENIOR MEMBERS OF DELEGATION.

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C. RESERVED ONE THREE ROOM SUITE AND SINGLE ROOM TO BE

USED FOR USIS PRESS OFFICE. PRESS SUITE IS LOCATED IN SECTION B OF HOTEL.

D. ALL ROOMS \$21 PER DAY PLUS 3 PERCENT TAX.

3. IDENTIFIABLE SUPPORT PROBLEM AREAS AT THIS TIME ARE FOLLOWING:
A. HOTEL HAS 15 TELEPHONE LINES CONNECTED TO MANUAL
SWITCHBOARD. RECOMMEND EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED ATTEMPT OBTAIN
TWO SEPARATE TELEPHONE LINES IF HOTEL IS FINALLY SELECTED. ONE
FOR USE OF DELEGATION IN THEIR OFFICE AREA AND ONE FOR USE BY
AMERICAN PRESS REPRESENTATIVES.

B. HOTEL HAS NO OFFICE FURNITURE AVAILABLE AND EMBASSY HAS NO SURPLUS. IN ADDITION EMBASSY FURNITURE IT TOO LARGE TO PASS THROUGH HOTEL ROOMS DOORS. REQUEST AUTHORITY RENT SAME, IF POSSIBLE.

C. TELEX CAPABILITY IS LIMITED TO ONE MACHINE NEAR MEETING AREA. RECOMMEND WE NEGOTIATE WITH TELEPHONE COMPANY AND RADIOGRAFICA FOR SEPARATE INSTALLATION TELEX LINE AND EQUIPMENT IN PRESS SUITE IF LINES ARE AVAILABLE.

D. OUR MOTOR POOL RESOURCES ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED AND DOUBTFUL WE WILL BE IN POSITION SUPPORT DELEGATION WITHOUT RENTING ADDITIONAL VEHICLES. ADVISE IF DEPARTMENT WISHES KNOW CAR RENTAL RATES, AND NUMBER OF VEHICLES DESIRED WITH CHAUFFEUR.

4. SINCE HOTEL IRAZU HAS LIMITED SPACE, REQUEST INFORMATION SOONEST ON THE SIZE OF DELEGATION, ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED, APPROVAL CONFIRM RESERVATIONS DESCRIBED PARAGRAPH 2, AND AUTHORITY PROCEED WITH RECOMMENDATIONS OUTLINED PARAGRAPH 3. UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY WILL ATTEMPT MAKE ALL HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS AT HOTEL IRAZU PENDING CONFIRMATION OF SITE. WE RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT GOCR MAY LATER COMMANDEER THIS OR OTHER HOTELS AND ALLOCATE SPACE TO ALL DELEGATIONS. PLEASE ALSO ADVISE PER DIEM ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELEGATIONS AND SUPPORT COST REIMBURSEMENT PROCEDURES. LANE

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